Mr. E. P. Varghese: May I know whether Government have made any arrangement with the company that a particular percentage of the employees should be recruited from Travancoreans ?

Mr. T. C. Thommen: No.

Mr. E. P. Varghese: May I know whether there is any arrangement with the company that preference should be given to Travancoreans at least in the Travancore branch of the railway ?

Mr. T. C. Thommen: No. Their case is considered along with others.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): May I know whether the Government had at any time recommended that the Travancoreans should be appointed in the S. I. R. ?

Mr. T. C. Thommen: I claim notice.

Mr. K. Madhavan Pillai: May I know from the member whether Government have any objection to forward applications from Travancoreans for appointment in the S. I. R. ?

Mr. T. C. Thommen: It is a question of opinion.

Education Department Co-operative Benefit Fund.

8. ***Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad:** Will the Government be pleased to state the extent of progress so far made in the winding up of the Education Department Co-operative Benefit Fund ?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: The Education Department Employees' Co-operative Benefit Fund Ltd., No. 1964 has not yet been cancelled. The question of winding up therefore does not arise.

Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad: May I know whether the Fund is working properly now ?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: It is not working at present.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know why it did not work ?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: The general body of that Fund resolved recently that the society should be liquidated. The necessary preliminaries have been instituted and the question is under the consideration of the Registrar.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know when that resolution was passed for liquidation ?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: I believe it was in Edavam last.

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Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know what steps have been taken since then ?

President : It has been answered already. The Registrar said that the necessary preliminaries have been instituted.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai ; May I know what those preliminaries are ?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai : An enquiry under Section 34 of the Regulation is a necessary condition precedent to liquidation and that enquiry has been instituted.

Period of appointment of the Franchise Commissioner.

9. **Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad :** Will the Government be pleased to state the period for which the Franchise and Delimitation Commissioner has been appointed ?

Mr. T. C. Thommen : No period has been fixed at present.

Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad : May I know whether it has been left to the discretion of the Commissioner to fix the period as he likes ?

Mr. T. C. Thommen : No; he has been asked to do a certain work and he has been asked to finish his work as early as possible.

Recruitment to the provincial staff of teachers.

10. ***Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad :** Will the Government be pleased to state the principles on which recruitment from outside is made to the provincial staff of teachers and also the principles on which some of the fresh hands are made seniors to those who have already put in more than five years of acting service ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : In the interests of efficiency of teaching in schools, recruitment to the general list of Graduate teachers is occasionally made from persons with high academic distinctions. Such persons are not generally ranked above acting Graduate teachers, but only in the order of the dates of their first appointment as acting Graduate teachers.

Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad : May I know whether any appointment was made in the Education Department in 1110 superseding the claims of acting hands ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : Yes, Sir, several appointments have been made.

Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad : May I know the number of such appointments ?

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